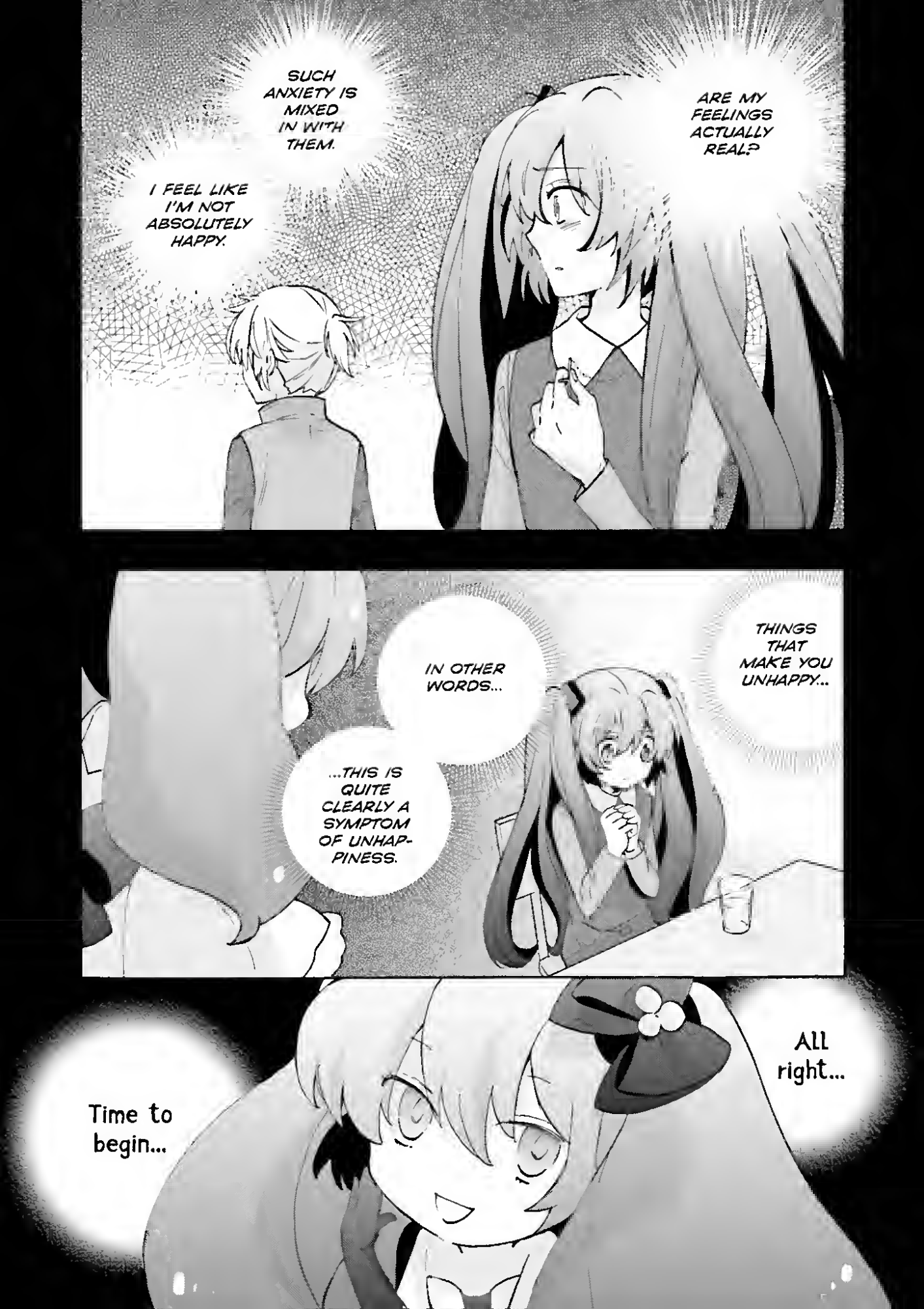
SUCH ANXIETY IS MIXED IN WITH THEM.
I FEEL LIKE I'M NOT ABSOLUTELY HAPPY.
ARE MY FEELINGS ACTUALLY REAL?
IN OTHER WORDS...
...THIS IS QUITE CLEARLY A SYMPTOM OF UNHAP-PINESS.
THINGS THAT MAKE YOU UNHAPPY...
Time to begin...
All right...

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THIS IS THE HAPPINESS AND PEACE OF MIND COMMITTEE.
NOW, TIME TO BEGIN, TIME TO BEGIN...
IT'S THE TIME ALL HAPPY CITIZENS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR.
UNHAPPINESS DISSIDENTS EXECUTION TIME WILL NOW BEGIN!
NOW THAT DEMOSTHENES' TRUE IDENTITY HAS BEEN EXPOSED, WILL HAPPINESS VISIT?

HAPPINESS OP. 8

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PUBLIC WELFARE: HAPPINESS AND PEACE MINISTRY
THE DISSIDENTS WE HAVE FOUND TODAY ARE VERY IMPORTANT.
JUST BROADCASTING LIES IN AND OF ITSELF...
...WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM.
IT IS THE GROUP BEHIND THE USERNAME "DEMOSTHENES."
THEY HAVE BEEN BROADCASTING LIES TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS CITY-STATE.
THE UNFORGIVABLE THING...

...IS MAKING THE TRUTH SEEM LIKE A LIE.
THEY HAVE SOWN THE SEEDS OF UNHAPPINESS AMONG THE CITIZENS.
AND FOR THAT...
...THEY WILL HAVE TO FACE THE DEATH PENALTY.

TODAY'S OPERATIVE TEAM IS THE ONE...
...LED BY KAI AOMURA.
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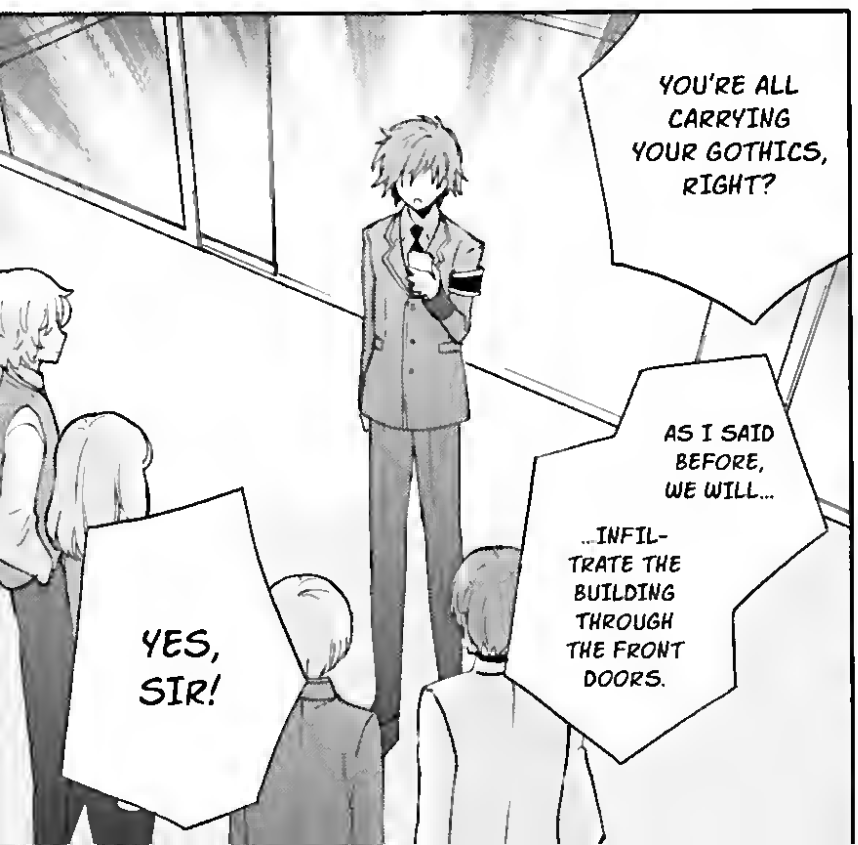
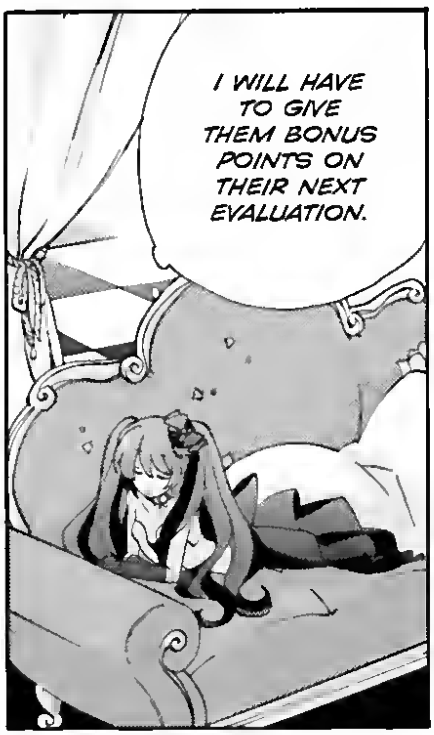

YOU'RE ALL CARRYING YOUR GOTHICS, RIGHT?
AS I SAID BEFORE, WE WILL...
...INFIL-TRATE THE BUILDING THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS.
YES, SIR!


I WILL HAVE TO GIVE THEM BONUS POINTS ON THEIR NEXT EVALUATION.

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PANT
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PANT
UM, SIR?
SHOULD WE REALLY ALL BE GOING IN THROUGH THE FRONT?
SHOULDN'T SOME PEOPLE GO BACK TO THE REAR JUST IN CASE?
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KACHK
AH...
ハァ
PANT
ハァ
PANT
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.

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KACHK
ガチャ
KACHK
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KACHK
WHY?
D-D-
DAMN IT!
LOCK
BEEP
?!
IT IS BECAUSE I CAN CONTROL EVERYTHING FROM MY RADIO TOWER.
I HAVE ELECTRONICALLY SEALED ALL THE EXITS.

NOW, NOW...
LOOK AT THAT UGLY, UNHAPPY EXPRESSION
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT.
SOON, I'LL BE FREEING YOU OF THAT UNHAPPINESS AND ANXIETY!

It is your duty to be happy.
Are you happy?
It's your duty, you know!
It is your duty to be happy.
It is your duty to be happy.

♪ Are you performing your duty?
A~
AHHHH!!
KRSH
TIME TO ACCESS HIS PERSONAL INFORMATION.
FLASH
FWIP
THE DIRECTOR OF SHINJITSU BROADCASTING.
PRESIDENT AND CEO.
OH MY MY...
...HE'S A LIAR AND THE HEAD OF DEMOSTHENES.
HOW DARE HE ABANDON HIS COMRADES AND TRY TO FLEE ON HIS OWN?

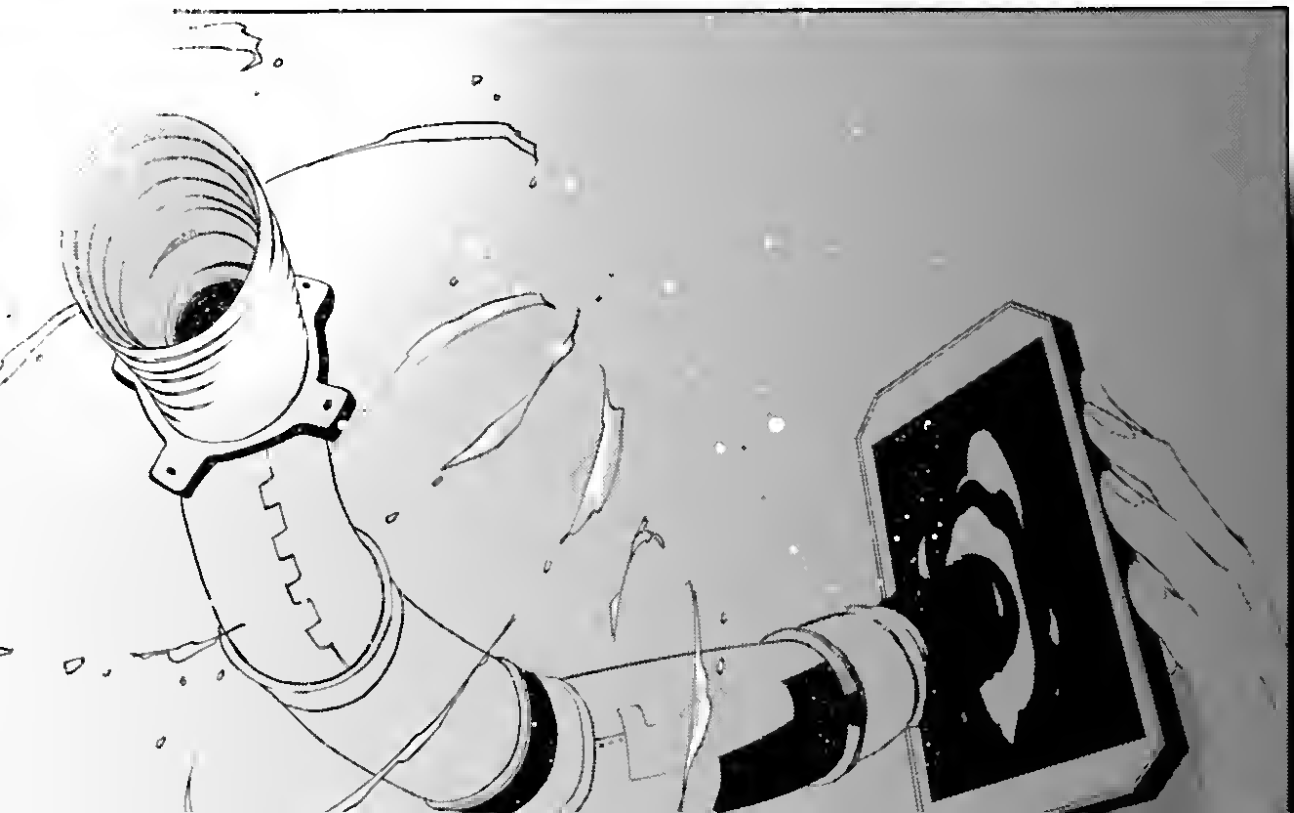
..HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.
..ALL OF HIS BELOVED COMRADES..
AND LOOK..
GOTHIC, THE ALL-PURPOSE CELL PHONE TERMINAL...
THAT... CAN PRODUCE ANY EXECUTION TOOL.
THE GOTHIC IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL THAT CAN ONLY BE GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE HAPPINESS COMMITTEE... CIVILIANS ARE NO MATCH TO THOSE ARMED WITH THEM.
...SO WHY ARE THEY ALL STILL SO UNHAPPY TO SEE IT AT LAST?
I CAN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL.
SO...
GOTHic

I MUST SING THE SONG OF HAPPINESS AND PEACE.
Hang-ing...
Behead-ing...
Drown-ing...
Firing squad...
Boiling alive...
Poison-ing...
Ston-ing...
Being saved apart...
Cruci-fixion...
Burn-ing...
Live burial...
Electri-cution...
WITH THE POWER OF THIS SONG...
Please choose...
...the death you would like.

...HAVE THE HONOR OF...
...CHOOSING THE MANNER OF MY OWN DEATH...
...AND THE POWER OF BEING ALLOWED TO CHOOSE THEIR FREE EXECUTION...
TO BE ABLE TO...
Now...
which death would you like?
HANGING
BEHEADING
FIRING SQUAD
BOILING ALIVE
...I HAVE MADE THEM VERY HAPPY.
SWIP
I AM...
...INCREDI-BLY HAPPY!

...!
DROWNING
CONGRATU-
LATIONS!
DROWNING
YOU HAVE CHOSEN A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL MANNER OF DEATH.

NOW THEN...
...FEEL FREE TO TAKE YOUR TIME.
POF



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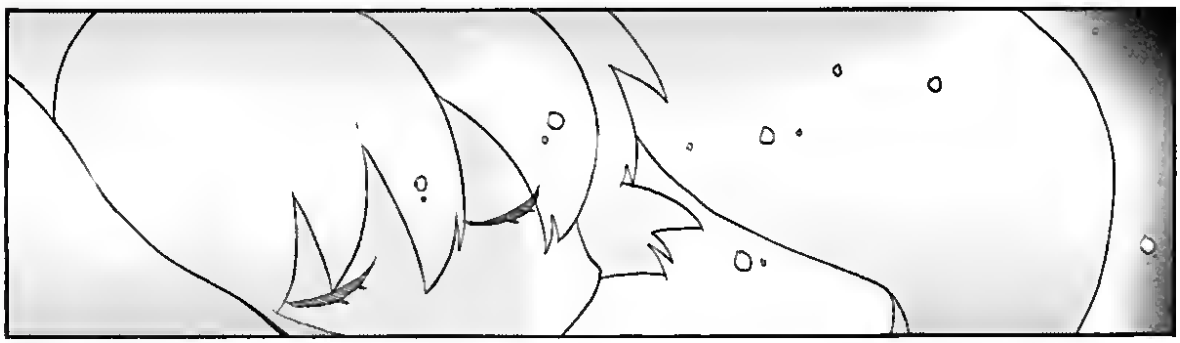
GULP
SPLOOOSH

HM...?

FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
HIS NAME IS...
LEN KINAMI.
I DON'T RECOGNIZE HIM...?
WHO COULD THAT BE?
I AM THE ABSOLUTE QUEEN OF LAKESIDE PARK CITY-STATE, WHO WATCHES OVER ALL.
I FEEL LIKE...
...I'VE SEEN HIM...
WHY CAN I NOT REMEMBER?
...SOMEWHERE BEFORE.
BUT WHERE?

WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT?
かぁ〜
BLUSH
MY CHEST IS HOT AND PAINFUL.
THIS MUST BE AN ERROR.
WHERE DOES THIS ERROR ORIGINATE?
FIND IT!
...THE CENTER OF MY CHEST GROWS WARM!
WHEN I THINK OF THAT BOY...
WHY?

I'LL GIVE THIS TO YOU
THIS EMOTIONAL DATA IS BEING COLLECTED...
...FROM ONE OF MY SHADOWS, THE ONDINE.



CUTOFF SUCCESSFUL.
AND NOW...
...THINGS SHOULD BE FINE.

THAT I MUST ALSO PERFORM THE DUTY OF BEING HAPPY IS OBVIOUS.
HAPPINESS IS OUR DUTY.
KACHUNK
IT LOOKS AS IF MOST OF THE FREE EXECUTIONS HAVE FINISHED.
NOW ALL THAT IS LEFT...

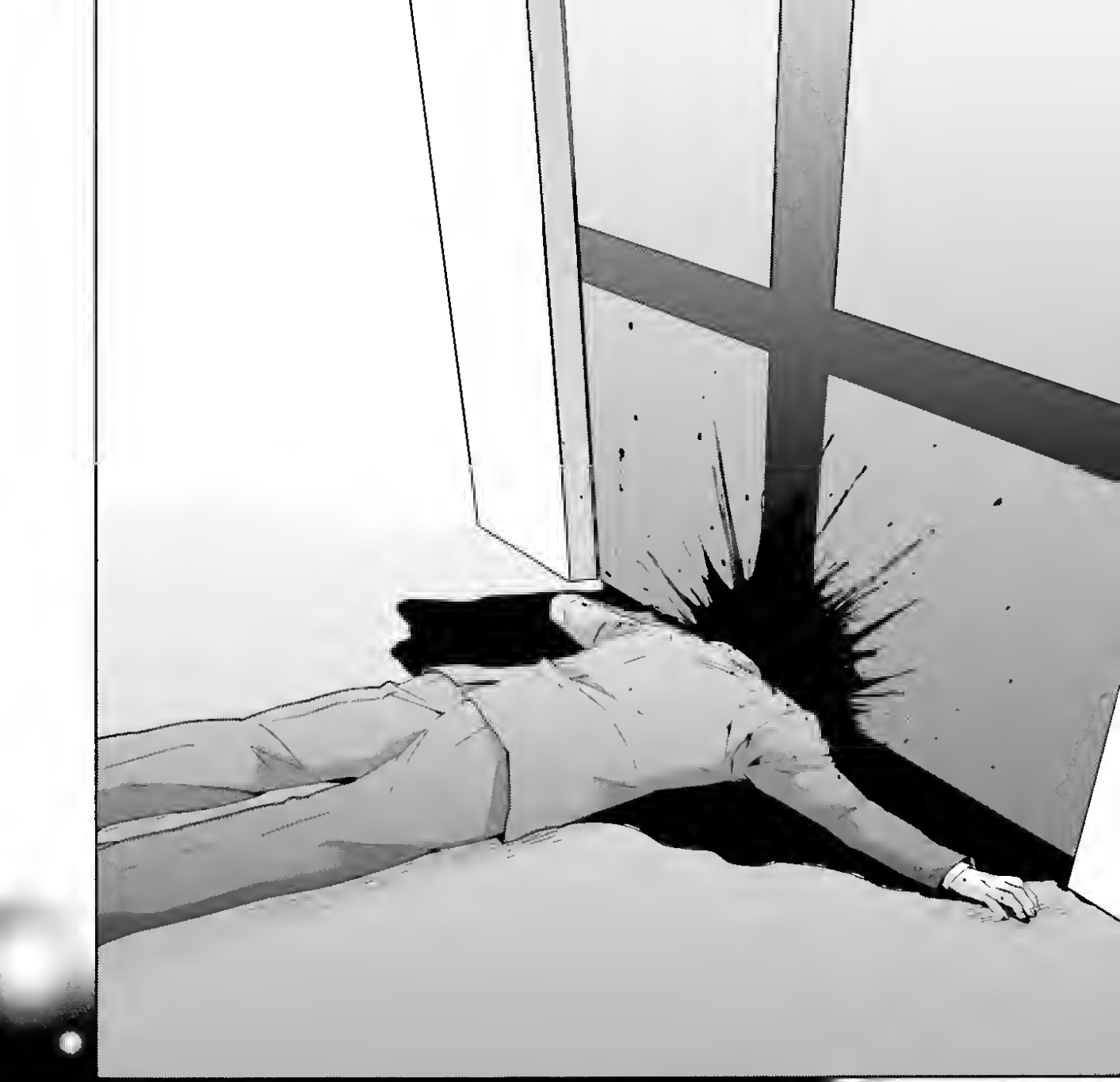
PLEASE, OPEN UP.
BANG
BANG
OPEN UP!
LET ME OUT!
BANG
BANG
PLEASE...
LET ME OUT...
LET ME OUT OF HERE, I BEG OF YOU.
I MEAN, YOU'RE ALL THE REASON I'M UNHAPPY ANYWAY, YOU KNOW!
SAWED APART
CRUCIFIXION
SHINE
HANGING
DAMN...

THERE'S NO WAY...
...A HORRIBLE WORLD LIKE THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE THE IDEAL SOCIETY!!
BANG
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
BANG
BANG
BANG
WHAT DID I DO?
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS WORLD!
SHK
WHOA?!
THUMP

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS...
I-
IT OPENED...?!
IF YOU ARE NOT HAPPY...
BEHEAD ING
COME ALONG...
Die 死 Die 死 Die 死

I WILL SEND YOU INTO ETERNAL HAPPINESS!
SHOO

SHING



It's your duty.
It's your duty.
It's your duty.
It's your duty, you know!
Happiness is your duty.
HAPPILY, SHINJUTSU HAS BEEN INVESTI-GATED.
...KUHLE-BORN.
WE HAVE UNEARTHED ALL THEIR UNHAPPY LIES!
パチ CLAP
Amazing!
That's Her maj-esty for you!!
パチ CLAP
パチ CLAP

AND OF COURSE, THE DISSIDENTS THEMSELVES...
...HAVE REFORMED FROM THE BOTTOM OF THEIR HEARTS...
...AND BEEN RESCUED FROM THEIR UNHAPPY FATES.
YES...
THAT IS TRUE.
IT IS INDEED.